

FAQ's

1. Am I eligible for funding?

Rural landowners and farmers within the Rideau Valley watershed are eligible to apply for funding assistance. Each grant category has specific eligibility criteria that must be met and your application must be approved by a review committee before receiving funding. To find out more about each project category's guidelines, click [here](#) for full list of our eligible projects.

2. What types of projects receive funding, and what projects are eligible for funding assistance?

There are several projects that may be considered for rural landowners and farmers that help protect water quality. We recommend you check each project category to determine what costs are eligible. For details on eligible projects, please click [here](#) to select a project category. Innovative projects may also be considered for funding. Contact the Rural Clean Water Program Manager, [Derek Matheson](#), for more information.

3. How much funding can I expect to receive?

Funding will vary depending on the project. Rates typically range from 50 - 90% of the eligible costs, with a maximum amount for each project. To view the full list of eligible projects with funding amounts, click [here](#).

4. How do I apply for funding?

We require an application form, an estimate from a qualified contractor, and any necessary permits for the proposed work. Some project categories require additional information to accompany the application. Please refer to the project fact sheet for more information.

5. Can my contractor apply on my behalf and receive the funding directly?

A contractor can assist you in filling out your application form, but the funding cannot be issued to the contractor directly. Only the landowner is eligible to receive the grant reimbursement.

6. Can my contractor apply on my behalf for my permits?

Yes, your contractor can apply with a signed letter of permission from you.

7. Where do I send my completed and signed application?

Applications can be filled out electronically and submitted via email, fax (613-692-0831), mailed or hand delivered to the RVCA office at 3889 Rideau Valley Drive, Box 599, Manotick, Ontario K4M 1A5.

8. When should I apply?

Our first application deadline is May 1st every year, but we encourage applicants to apply as soon as possible. The funding is limited each year and is administered on a first-come, first-served basis.

9. When are applications reviewed and how will I know if my project has been approved?

All application approvals are determined by an external Review Committee that meets throughout May to December, as needed. Applicants will be contacted following our review meeting about the status of their application.

10. I've applied for a grant. When can I begin my project?

You can begin your project once you've contacted RVCA and registered your information. Projects completed prior to contacting RVCA will not be eligible for funding.

11. When will I receive my funding assistance?

Funding assistance is provided through a reimbursement process. Landowners are responsible for arranging permits, project construction, and for paying contractors up-front and in-full. Once we've received the necessary documents for review, your project file is presented to a Review Committee for approval. If your project is approved, we will require the final invoice as proof that the project has been completed.

12. I've already completed my project. Am I still eligible for funding?

All applicants must register with the program before completing the work. We cannot fund projects retroactively.

13. What do the ineligible costs include?

Ineligible costs might include: labour and machinery use of the applicant, family dependents and the applicant's business, and tax (HST). Please click [here](#) for more details about ineligible costs associated with a specific project type.